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EXAMINING GROUP 3752**

S/N 10/079,611

PATENT

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 8, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.